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SILC- DAILY [ ] DRV DIGEST, DESOTO PATROLS 04 AUGUST

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1. HIGHLIGHT

A. THE SECOND ATTACK ON THE DE SOTO PATROL, USS MADDOX

AND USS TURNER JOY, WAS LAUNCHED BY DRV NAVAL ENEMENTS ON  
4-5 AUGUST. EXACT TIME AND POSITION ARE NOT AVAILABLES FROM

COMINT, HOWEVER, HAIPNONG REPORTED AT 041546Z THE TWO

AMERICAN ASSAULT VESSELS WERE EXACTLY THIRTY-FIVE NAUTICAL

MILES EAST OF HON MATT (18-471.SQPTATIE). LATER T 041550Z

THE SWATOW T 142 REPORTED WE FIRED AT TWO AIRCRAFT ONE OF WHICH

WAS DOWNED. WE SACRIFICED TWO COMRADES BUT ALL ARE BRAVE AND

WE RECOGNIZE OUR OBLIGATIONS. OTHEJ THAN THE ABOVE NO

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ATTACK ON THE DE SOTO PATROL. NO TRACKING CAN BE ASSOCIATED  
WITH THE ACTIVITY.

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11. DRV NAVY, FLEET OPERATIONS:

A. TZBXL OF ACTIVITY

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- DURING THE PERIOD 032301Z - 042300Z DRV NAVAL  
COMMUNICATIONS WERE NORMAL WITH A MINIMUM OF FOURTEEN VESSELS  
REFLECTED INCLUDING: POSSIBLE SO-1 CLASS SUBCHASER T 231;

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SWATOW CLASS PGMS T-122, T-130, T-132, T-142, T-146, T-165  
T-337; MTBS T-33, T-336, AND FOUR UNIDENTIFIED.

B. MAINLINE NETS:

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A. DRV NAVAL HEADQUARTERS HAIPNONG WAS ACTIVE WITH  
HANOI AND FOUR UNLOCATED OUTSTATIONS ON THE COMMAND NET AND WITH  
SOUTHERN FLEET HEADQUARTERS BEN THUY AND AN UNLOCATED NORTHERN  
FLEET SUBORDINATE ACTIVITY ON THE OPERATIONAL NET. REMAINING  
COMMAND ECHELON NETS NORMAL.

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C. NORTHERN FLEET AREA, PORT WALLUT:

1. A MINIMUM OF EIGHT VESSELS WERE OBSERVED INCLUDING:

SO-1 CLASS SUBCHASER T-231, SWATOW CLASS PGMS T-122, T-130,

T-132, T-142, T-146; MTBS T-33, T-336.

2. ALL VESSELS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF POSSIBLY THE T-231

AND T-333 AND T-336 WERE DAMAGED AND PROBABLY WERE BEING

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SUNK. IF MTBS WERE INVOLVED IN 04-05 AUGUST ATTACK THEY WERE PROBABLY MOVED INTO THE AREA FROM THE NORTH; HOWEVER, THESE VESSELS AS YET ARE UNOBSERVED IN COMINT.

D. SOUTHERN FLEET AREA, BEN THUY:

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1. THREE VESSELS, T-165, T-377 AND ONE UNIDENTIFIED WERE OBSERVED.

2. ALL THREE VESSELS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN PATROL

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ACTIVITIES. THE SWATOW T-379 PREVIOUSLY OPERATING IN COMPANY WITH THE T 377 MAY ALSO HAVE BEEN ACTIVE BUT UNOBSERVED.

E. TRACKING:

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1. HAIPHONG, PORYWALLUT AND BEN THUY TRACKING CONTROLS

WERE ACTIVE WITH VINH SON, HON NGU, HON MATT AND TEN UNLOCATED OUTSTATIONS. SIXTY-SEVEN MESSAGES WERE OBSERVED.

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IV. DRV SHIPPING/FISHING

A. COASTAL SHIPPING:

1. DRV COASTAL SHIPPING ACTIVITY NORMAL. POSSIBLE

REFLECTION TO THE DESOTO PATROL WAS NOTED IN TWO SEPARATE  
MESSAGES WHEN A POSSIBLE POSITION REPORT WAS PASSED TO HAIPHONG  
AND SUBSEQUENTLY WHEN HAIPHONG INFORMED HON GAY AND CAMPHA TO

REPORT IMMEDIATELY IF THE "SOUTHERN" VESSEL WAS SIGHTED SO THE  
NAVAL BUREAU COULD BE NOTIFIED.

B. FISHING FLEET

1. DRV FISHING FLEET UNOBSERVED

1. A MINIMUM OF EIGHT VESSELS  
SO-1 CLASS SUBCHASER T-231, SWATOW CLASS PGMS T-122, T-130,  
T-132, T-142, T-146; MTBS T-33, T-336.

2. ALL VESSELS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF POSSIBLY THE T-231  
AND T-333 AND T-336 WERE DAMAGED AND PROBABLY WERE BEING REPAIRED

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